

Types of Pollutants

5.1.3 State the major sources of pollutants

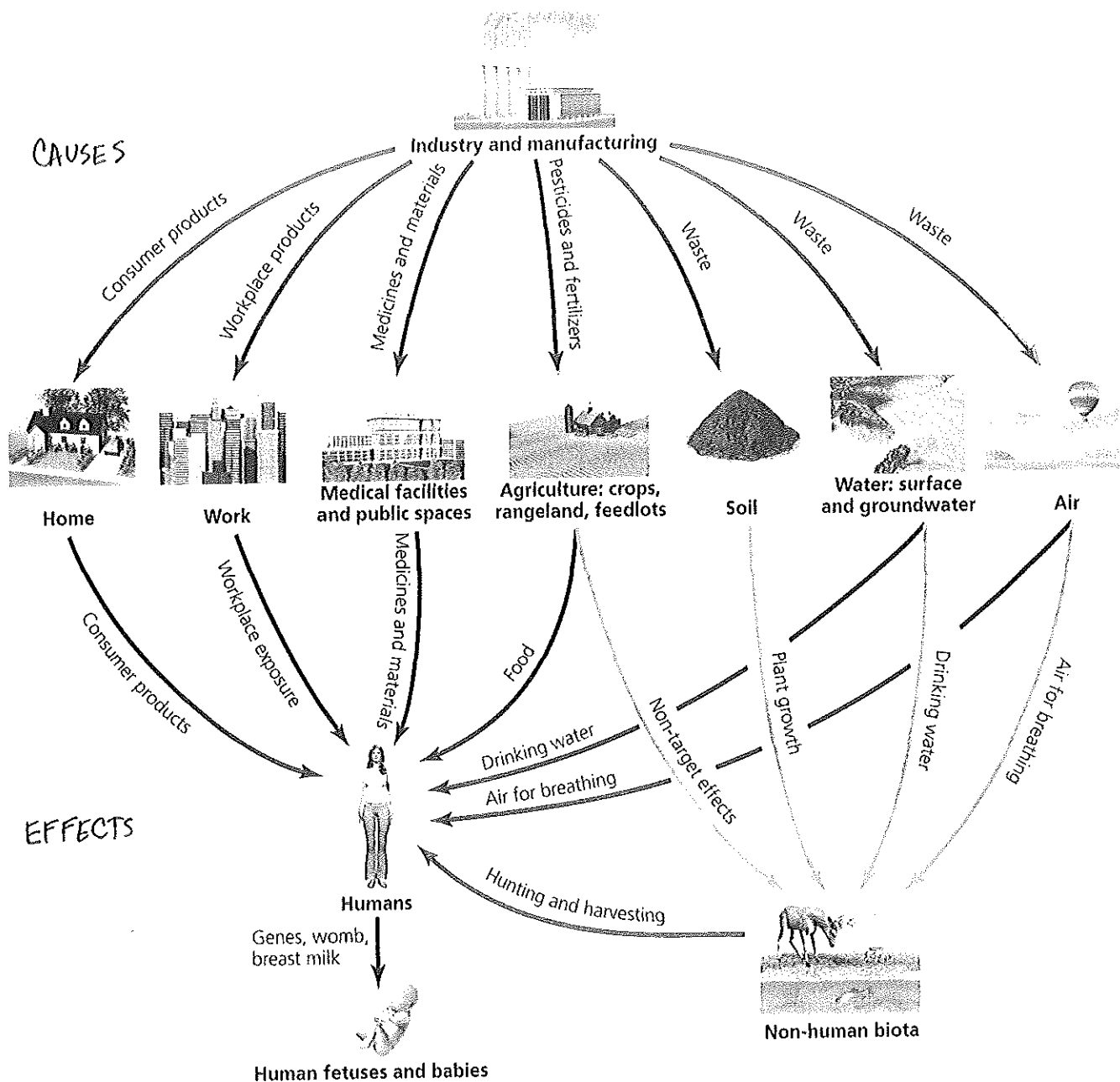


FIGURE 5.1.3 Synthetic chemicals take many routes in traveling through the environment. Although humans take in only a tiny proportion of these compounds, and although many compounds are harmless, humans—particularly babies—receive small amounts of toxicants from many sources.

- endocrine disruptors (ex. estrogen, testosterone) - chemicals that interfere with hormones
- Teratogens - chemicals that impact fetuses
- Mutagens - chemicals that cause mutations
- Carcinogens - chemicals that cause cancer
- Neurotoxins - chemicals that impact the nervous system.